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News Notes

"Wings Over The Pacific" **Open House** — The 2009 Hickam AFB Open House will be held Sep. 19 and 20. The USAF Thunderbirds will be performing at this year's event. For information, contact Lt. Col. Scott Weber at scott.weber@hickam.af.mil.

9/11 Commemoration Parade — Hickam

Elementary School and PTO are sponsoring a 9/11 Commemoration Parade at 9 a.m., Sep. 11. Security Forces and the Hickam Fire Department will be participating as well. Parents are invited to come out and watch the parade by lining up on the parade field. The parade will start at HES, Manzelman Circle, and proceed on 8th Street, turning left onto Signer Blvd and then returning to HES via 9th Street. Contact TSgt. Chris Purington at 449-2074, christopher.puringto@hickam.af.mil.

Hickam Community Housing, Parking

Restrictions — To ensure access for emergency vehicles during the Air Show, "No Parking" will be enforced on both sides of Halehaka Street on Sep. 19 and 20. HCH Residents living on Halehaka Street may park in their driveways. Cars parked illegally will be towed to ensure safe access by emergency vehicles POC: Hickam Community Housing, 423-2300.

Boys and Girls Club Day

for Kids — Join Youth Programs from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Sep. 12, at the Youth Center Bldg 1335 to celebrate ... kids! This family event reinforces the commitment to youth and provides an opportunity to remind youth how important they are. Games, crafts, prizes and refreshments will be provided for free. POC is Jami Marion 448-1069.

Military Clothing Store expands hours

Operational hours for the Air Force Military Clothing and Sales Store on Hickam AFB are Monday through Saturday, 9 a.m.-7 p.m. Now the store also is open on Sundays, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

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Hickam Airmen join JRTC exercise

by Bekah Clark

Air Mobility Command Public Affairs

FORT POLK, La. — During the Joint Readiness Training Center Exercise 09-09, joint and coalition force partners meshed together to complete a simulated wartime mission. For many of the participants, it was a chance to learn some new things.

"It's good to know how easy it is to work with your coalition teammates," said Canadian air force Lt. Luc Comeau, a C-130 navigator from the 436th Transport Squadron in Trenton, Ontario.

The exercise, held Aug. 18 to 25 at Fort Polk, La. and Little Rock Air Force Base, Ark., brought together Airmen from Air Mobility Command and across the Air Force, U.S. Army Soldiers and forces from the Canadian and Belgian air forces. It also provided all participating service members the opportunity to practice joint and coalition interoperability with medical staff, aircrew, ground forces and mission planners.

"Working side-by-side with our coalition partners in the mission planning center allowed all of us to gain a better understanding of how our partner nations operate in a deployed environment," said Capt. Chris Thackaberry, a C-17 pilot with the 535th Airlift Squadron at Hickam AFB, Hawaii.

"We're always somewhere with coalition forces, such as somewhere like Afghanistan, so it's very beneficial to learn how we work together," said Capt. Bert Erens, a C-130 pilot with the 15th Air Transport Wing in Belgium.

Aircrews from Hickam AFB, Belgium and Canada flew daytime and nighttime airlift, airdrop and aer-medical missions out of Little Rock AFB for "Green Flag Little Rock" — the base's term for their part in JRTC Exercise 09-09. The crews flew in support of Air Force



Members of a contingency response element from the 819th Global Support Squadron at Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, N.J., take shelter from a bomb attack on Aug. 21 in a mock bunker during action in the Joint Readiness Training Center Exercise 09-09 at Fort Polk, La. The JRTC provides realistic training using war-time scenarios that allow integration between joint military organizations, host nations and civilian role-players. Units from the Air Force, Army and Canadian and Belgian air forces are training together during the 09-09 exercise.

aeromedical evacuation and Army ground operations.

"Creating a flying schedule to meet the mission needs of the aeromedical evacuation Airmen and Army troops on the ground with the limited number of people and resources made us rely on our coalition partners," said Captain Thackaberry. "Our Canadian and Belgian counterparts were essential in helping us get the job done in the mission planning center."

AE personnel from Pope AFB, N.C.; MacDill AFB, Fla.; March Air Reserve Base, Calif.; and

Westover ARB, Mass. performed simulated AE missions that included on-ground and in-flight AE operations such as patient transport and evacuation, patient monitoring and assessment, and training soldiers to request AE support.

Over the course of the seven-day exercise, AE personnel processed and transported 109 patients, which is more than they would generally handle in that time period in theater, said Senior Master Sgt. Jon Sorak, the senior AE trainer-mentor at JRTC from Air Mobility Command's Operations Directorate

at Scott AFB, Ill.

The 1st of the 10th Mountain Division from Fort Drum, N.Y., the Army unit participating in the exercise, took part in simulated combat scenarios that gave soldiers the opportunity to practice tactical maneuvers, fire fights, force protection and securing and lockingdown threat areas.

Air Mobility Liaison Officers, or AMLOs, played a significant role by serving as air mobility experts who provided expertise on the effi-

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Jungle Shield boosts U.S. Air strength

ANDERSEN AIR FORCE BASE, Guam — Airmen here and at Hickam Air Force Base, Hawaii, participated in an exercise Aug. 25-27 to test the Air Force's ability to protect U.S. air sovereignty in the Pacific region.

The exercise, known as Jungle Shield, is led by 13th Air Force at Hickam AFB. It trains flying crews and ensures command and control requirements are properly executed, all to ensure Airmen in the Pacific theater are ready to defend U.S. air space.

"Following the attacks on 9/11, across the U.S., we saw the need to practice scenarios protecting the air sovereignty in the United States," said Col. Tod Fingal, 36th Operations Group commander. "That expands to all U.S. territories reaching out to Guam."

During the three-day exercise, flying assets from the 36th Operations Group participated in a variety of scenarios.

"For this particular exercise, the 36th Wing at Andersen AFB had aircraft deployed from Elmendorf Air Force Base, Alaska, the 525th Expeditionary Fighter Squadron, providing our air defense fighters," Colonel Fingal said.

Also participating in the exercise were the 506th Expeditionary Air Refueling Squadron deployed here from March Air Reserve Base, Calif.; the 96th Expeditionary Bomb Squadron, deployed here from Barksdale Air Force Base, La.; the 613th Air and Space Operations Center at Hickam; and members of the 36th Wing command structure here.

With advances in technology, Air Force leaders at the 613th AOC in Hawaii were able to communicate with participating units in Guam as well as command and control the operations.

"What we've been able to develop over time is a capability to link our command and control structure from Guam out to Hickam," Colonel Fingal said.

The 36th Wing here still mans an alternate air operations center as a precaution to any technical problems that may occur. Andersen's



An F-22 Raptor from the 525th Expeditionary Fighter Squadron takes off on Aug. 25 from Andersen Air Force Base, Guam. The Raptors were flying to support an exercise known as Jungle Shield. The F-22s are deployed from Elmendorf AFB, Alaska, to support U.S. Pacific Command's Theater Security Package in the Asia-Pacific region.

air operations command structure includes Brig. Gen. Phil Ruhlman, 36th Wing commander, and Colonel Fingal.

For this Jungle Shield, the 96th EBS and the 506th Expeditionary Air Refueling Squadron were tasked to simulate targets of interest.

"The [aircraft simulating] targets of interest are heavy-type aircraft such as the B-52s out of the 96th EBS," Colonel Fingal said, adding that it is important to use the actual aircraft in order to play out the scenario in real time.

"It allows us to execute the exercise itself and test that command and control structure, particularly the links between Andersen and Hickam, with live-flying aircraft with exact timing," he said. "Now, we understand the chain of the events that need to occur in order to defend Guam, and we're meeting those realistically based upon the live-fly scenario."

As a matter of standard practice, the Air Force conducts Jungle Shield exercises using a range of scenarios, according to the colonel.

"We train the worst-case scenarios, and for us the worst-case scenario would be a repeat of the events that occurred on 9/11," the colonel said. "We also train to something as simple as the aircraft in question simply lost its ability to communicate due to a radio malfunction."

Upon reaching the aircraft in question, the participating Raptor pilots assessed the aircraft and relayed their analysis back to officials at Andersen and Hickam, according to Maj. Wade Bridges, from the 302nd Fighter Squadron. He is a F-22 Raptor pilot and the chief of scheduling attached to the 525th EFS.

"There are a lot of variables involved with it," said Major Bridges, who participated in the exercise Aug. 25. "We're basically up there to relay the best information we can down to the leadership."

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Wings Over The Pacific Bus & Shuttle Routes

The following Hickam bus and shuttle routes will be in place during the "Wings Over The Pacific" Open House on Sep. 19 and 20 at Hickam AFB, featuring aerial demonstrations by the USAF Thunderbirds. Gates open at 10 a.m.

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Coolers (includes cold/hot storage containers)

Backpacks/duffle bags

Large camera bags (larger than 8" x 8") Chairs

Glass (exception: baby formula/food jars

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DIAMOND TIPS

DEROS (Date Eligible for Return from Overseas) Management

Do you know what your DEROS is? Do you know what month you would normally elect your DEROS Option? Do you know what the retainability requirement is to PCS?



Your DEROS is the projected date you are scheduled to PCS from your Overseas location based on your current tour length.

Normally, your DEROS option RIP should be generated by the MILPDS system around 12-13 months prior to your DEROS. Generally the RIP will come to you via e-mail generated by MPF. You must be cognizant that if you do not receive something by the end of the 12th month prior to your DEROS, you must contact the MPF Assignments section for assistance.

You are required to have at least 12 months enlistment retainability to PCS to a stateside assignment from your DEROS month. Also, once your DEROS option is secured, you must attain the required service retainability to cover the entire assignment tour length. If you fail to secure the retainability by the 25th day of the 8th month prior to your DEROS, AFPC will automatically flip your DEROS to match your DOS (date of separation).

While these are just a few of the many assignment and personnel actions that affect your career, it's vitally important for you to be proactive in making timely decisions in regards to securing your DEROS option election. If you are unsure what these critical assignment dates are, you can check via VMPF on your personal SURF or you can contact a representative at the MPF Assignments section.

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Non-alcoholic drinks (soda, water, juice etc. in plastic container)

Camera/Video Recorder (must fit inside 8" x 8" camera bag)

Personal items to include sunblock, lotion, etc.

Please contact 449-9710 with any questions/concerns.

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- Plan ahead and drink alcohol responsibly
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- Bring hearing protection for use during the flying portion of the air show

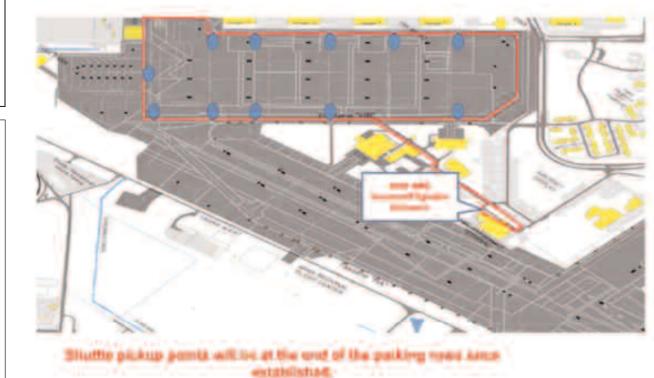
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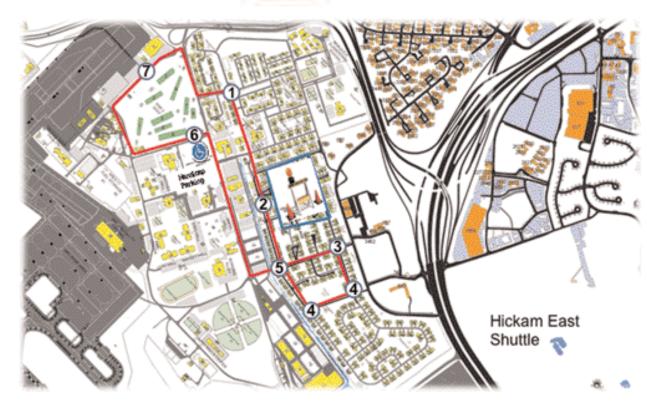
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AAFES Hickam BX/BXtra Renovation Update

by Jeffrey Gardner AAFES Hickam BX/BXtra

On July 30, the AAFES Hickam BX/BXtra started their \$8 million dollar renovation that will last nine months. AAFES invests money back into the community through the MWR dividend but also uses profits to improve facilities and operations. Last year's MWR dividend to Hickam community was \$ 542,130. This commitment to MWR Services makes AAFES their number one sponsor.

"What I am asked the most is what is being gained by this renovation?" said Jeffrey Gardner, main store manager, Hickam BX/Bxtra. "New up-to-date, energy efficient fixtures in the BX/BXtra, a new concession Nail Salon, a Paul Mitchell Hair Salon, a better shopping layout, a whiter and brighter BX operation, a BX coach concept shop, an easy to find MCSS, conveniently located rest room and a new Power Zone.

"AAFES's ultimate goal is for a better shopping experience for our Hickam Air Force Base customers. This is a step in the right direction."

The first phase of the renovation will be in the BX with the renovation of the sports apparel and shoe department sections. To make these moves happen, infant accessories and men's aloha wear are temporarily moved to the BXtra. The shoe department, sports apparel and boy wear were shifted to open up the work site. The space allocations of these departments are still accessible and this is only temporary.

The sports apparel section will be converted into a new, Military Clothing Store (MCSS). The shoe department will be expanded into the warehouse to allow for more sales floor space. During phase one, UPS will move into the vacant dry cleaners shop that was already relocated to Kuntz Mini Mall. The Computer repair shop will move into the BXtra customer service department. Once the concessions are relo-



The \$8 million renovation of the Hickam BX began on June 30, 2009, and is expected to last nine months. The grand re-opening is scheduled for next April, featuring a new nail salon, Paul Mitchell hair salon, new Power Zone and much more.

cated, the building that housed those concessions such as UPS will be converted into new public restrooms. The restroom facilities will now be conveniently located and centralized to the food court, BX and BXtra.

The Power Zone and furniture department in the BXtra will also be receiving a makeover during this phase to include new flooring, carpeting and Power Zone fixtures. The BXtra renovation might start sooner depending on the arrival of shipped fixtures and supplies but, most important, the desire is to have the new Power Zone completed by the first week on November.

The renovation of phase one will last until mid November after which all sales floor renovations will halt until mid January 2010. This is to limit any inconveniences to our patrons during the holiday season. By mid-November, the new BX front entrance pillars will start to gain shape.

The second phase of the renovation will involve the renovation of the infant, girls,

jewelry and cosmetic sections in the BX. The jewelry department and cosmetics are forecasted to go into the old MCSS sales floor space during this phase. The MCSS alternation shop will be worked into the new MCSS area if possible or remain in its current location. Our desire is to not disrupt valuable services during this renovation. Again, this phase is forecasted to start after the holiday season in January 2010 so as to not inconvenience our customers.

The contractor will not be on winter break. From November 2009 to December 2010, the contractor will work on the BX front entrance pillars, back offices and new concession locations. However, there will

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be little impact to the BX/BXtra sales floor.

The third phase of the renovation will start in mid February 2010 to renovate the juniors and ladies departments in the BX. These departments will be moved into the BXtra or in available space in the BX. Work will continue on the new concessions located in front of the BX. The BX front entrance pillars will be completed to allow for a new entrance. The installation of a whiter and bright wall unit will be installed in the BX. The wall units can not be installed until all sales floor work at the BX is completed. All department moves in the BX/BXtra will be completed. However, in phase four, the registers will have to shift to accommodate the new front entrance.

The fourth phase of the renovation will mainly be in the BX front entrance and the completion of the new store front for concessions starting around the end of March 2010. Areas affected during this phase will be completing the new front entrance, shifting the BX central check out and the completion of the concessions. The contractor will be creating a new entrance which is in direct sight of the walkway.

The grand re-opening for the AAFES Hickam BX/BXtra is forecasted to be mid-April 2010, and your AAFES Hickam partners are planning on having a great promotional grand reopening.

During the renovation, the Hickam BX/BXtra is committed to do its best to inform our customers about the moves and post signs of temporary relocations. The Hickam BX/BXtra apologizes for any inconvenience you may encounter as we improve your facilities to serve you better.



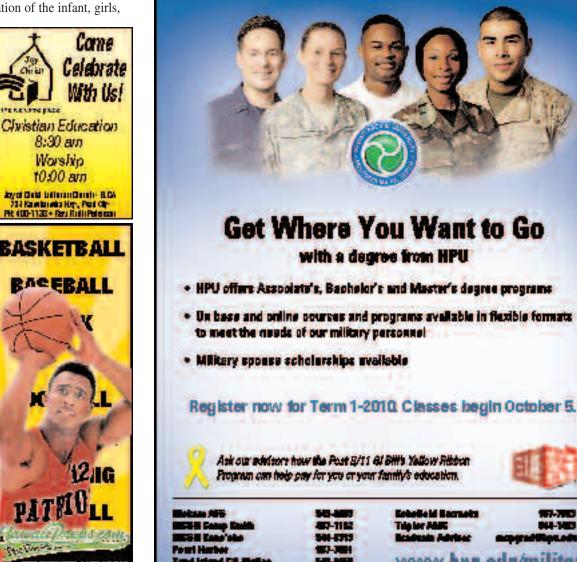
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Crime Scene

Theft of personal property

An Active Duty E-3 assigned to 692 ISRG reported a theft of personal property on Honohono Street. This case is currently under investigation.

Dependant detained for shoplifting at BX

Army Air Force Exchange Service store detectives observed a military family member of a soldier attempting to remove merchandise totaling \$3.90 without rendering payment. The individual will have his or her AAFES privileges revoked for one year and is awaiting a magistrate hear-

Dependant detained for shoplifting at BX

Army Air Force Exchange Service store detectives observed a military family member of a Soldier attempting to remove merchandise totaling \$2.95 without rendering payment. The individual will have his or her AAFES privileges revoked for one year and is awaiting a magistrate hearing.

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- Abandoned Vehicle Notice
- 4 Civilian Traffic cita
- 14 Moving Traffic cita
- 2 Non-Moving Traffic citation

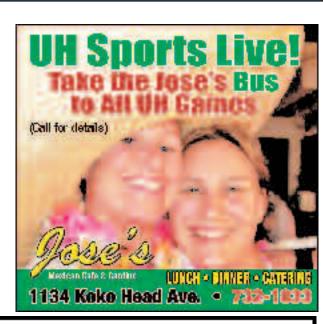


Refueling

A C-17 Globemaster III receives fuel from a KC-135 Stratotanker during aerial refueling practice over the skies of Hawaii. A KC-135 Stratotanker from the 909th Air Refueling Squadron, 18th Wing, Kadena Air Base, Japan, is at Hickam Air Force Base, Hawaii, practicing with a C-17 Globemaster III from the 535th Airlift Squadron for the Air Mobility Command Rodeo.













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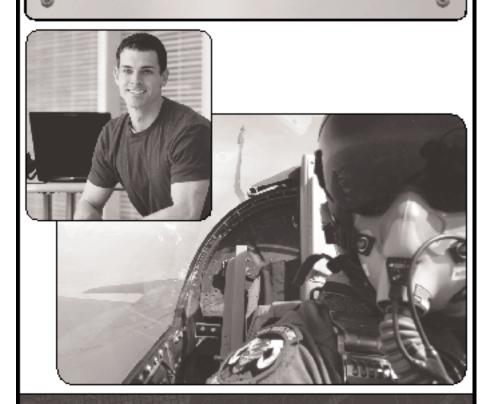


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(Left) Tech Sgt. James J. Curran (right) and Staff Sgt. Bryan Brafford, both from USAF 15th Security Forces Squadron, manned the roof of Pali Safeway from 4 a.m., Sept. 3, to 2 p.m., Sept. 5, as part of the Cop on Top program to help raise money for Special Olympics. The fundraising event generated \$14,000 during the three-day event from this location. (Above) Airman 1st Class Michael Somoza, Staff Sgt. Alicia Jiminez, Airman 1st Class Anthony Elizondo, Airman John Olivarez, Senior Airman Matthew Orr and Gouldine Napala from HPU volunteered to help raise and collect money during the weekend fundraiser.



JUNGLE SHIELD, From A1——

The major said he gained valuable experience by participating in Jungle Shield. "It's good to see, from a pilot's point of view, what's involved with the overall exercise - from generals at Hickam to everybody turning wrenches on the jet and pilots figuring out where we're going," the major said. "There are a lot of people involved."

Federal agencies including the Federal Aviation Administration, the FBI and the U.S. Coast Guard observed the Air Force's exercise on Aug. 27. The agencies plan to integrate with the 36th Wing in future Jungle Shield exercises.

"This scenario allowed multiple agencies to collectively think about possibilities and discuss options in a less stressful situation," said Karen Lewis, Guam's FBI supervisory senior resident agent. "Ultimately our goal is the same — to protect our people and our property — and that can best be done by cooperative interagency efforts.

Agent Lewis said she hopes to integrate local law enforcement into future Jungle Shield exercises, providing them with the necessary skills to be prepared to provide the best response.

"In the next exercise, there is potential to pool all agency assets, providing some excellent training in the Marianas region," she said. "There are many benefits to involving ... local law enforcement agencies. This is a win-win situation for everyone involved."









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Oahu Paintball Festival Sep. 26 & 27 at Hawaii Wet n Wild Waterpark. One-day ticket — \$70, Two-day ticket — \$130. Unlimited paintball play includes unlimited water

park rides and meeting pro paintballers, and all gear and air are provided. Tickets available at the ITT office, 449-5101.

Road Lane Closures – Lane closures along portions of Vandenberg Blvd., near Burger King, are required to relocate the traffic signal from the midblock crossing to Freedom Avenue. Construction, which will take place during normal working hours, will start on Sep. 8 and be completed in Jan. 2010. Please be cautious and heed all construction signs. For information, contact Jon Grindle, 479-6885.

JRTC, From A1 -

cient use of air mobility assets assigned to support the Army ground maneuver units.

Aircrews and soldiers were able to practice joint communications through the AMLOs to coordinate things like airdrops and airlift.

JRTC works with the 34th Combat Training Squadron from Little Rock AFB to host about 10 exercises per year in a simulated combat environment with emphasis on joint force integration for all branches of service in as realistic an environment as possible.

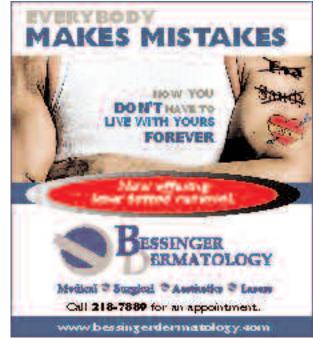
"JRTC is the only AMC exercise program accredited by Joint Forces Command as a joint training venue," said Lt. Col. Ashley Salter, 34th Combat Training Squadron command-

34th CTS is responsible for integrating mobility aircraft operating out of Little Rock AFB with Air Force and Army ground units, Lt. Colonel Salter said. JRTC coordinates the Army's participation as well as works with Air Force units that will be

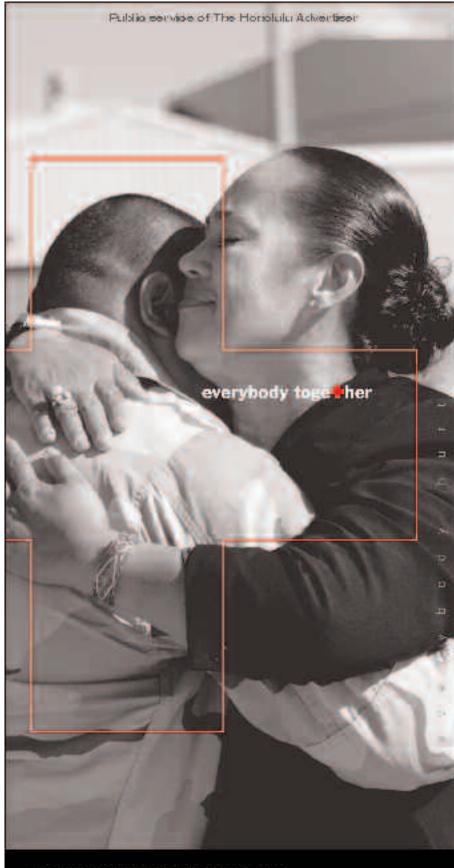
working on the ground at Fort Polk, like the Air Mobility Command Operations directorate that was responsible for the AE portion of the exercise.

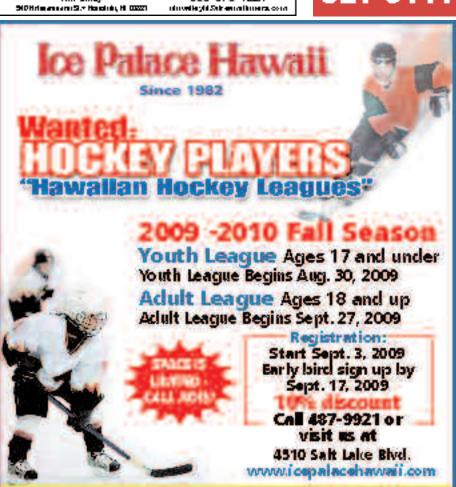
"We provide dynamic, scenariodriven training in an austere conditions where crews have to deal with threats and a rapidly changing environment," said Lt. Col. Derek Waterman, 34th CTS director of operations. "We don't want them to just be proficient — we want them to be combat warriors."













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